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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 29, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

Claims:

Claims 1-3 are pending.

1. (reiterated) A method for determining whether a test compound is a candidate modulator of the drug resistance of a cell, the method comprising:

- a) determining the level of MDA-9 expression in a cell in the presence of a test compound;
- b) determining the level of MDA-9 expression in the cell in the absence of the test compound; and
- c) identifying the compound as a candidate modulator of drug resistance in the cell if the level of expression of MDA-9 in the cell in the presence of the test compound differs from the level of expression of MDA-9 in the cell in the absence of the test compound.

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